

Cohasset Mariner

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Editorial

On Civil Service

In the Jan. 30 issue of the *Boston Globe*, Mike Barnicle took an astute look at that lumbering bureaucracy of Civil Service:

"Over the course of recent history, two things have arisen to stand in the path of political jobs. The Civil Service system and crusading goo-goos, a/k/a, good government types."

"As a result, we have bureaucracies that move only at lunchtime or coffee break. Or, we are treated to an endless collection of nitwits with fine paper credentials and no common sense."

You cannot fire someone with a certified Civil Service ranking. You have to let him sit there and finish his nap at the expense of the taxpayers. Too much of the Civil Service system has come to resemble a ship in drydock."

To that, Mike, we say Amen.

Something To Ponder

The net effect of the revenue sharing formula is that the greater the increase in the percentage of the school expenditures versus municipal expenditures the smaller the town's allotment of revenue sharing.

Registrars Hold Special Voter Registration

The Board of Registrars will be in session at the Town Hall for special voter registration on the following dates:

Tuesday, March 6, Town Hall, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, March 17, Town Hall, from noon to 8 p.m.

Monday, March 19, Town Hall, noon to 10 p.m.

Purpose is for certification of names on nominating papers and to receive evidence of the qualifications of persons claiming the right to vote and to correct the list of voters.

No name may be added to the voters' list except to correct omissions made by clerical error or mistake, after 10 p.m. Monday, March 19, at which time Registration closes.

The last day for candidates to take out nomination papers is Friday, March 9 at 5 p.m.

All nomination papers must be submitted to the Registrars for certification on or before 5 p.m. Monday, March 12.

Every nomination paper must contain the written acceptance of the candidates and must be filed with the Town Clerk on or before 5 p.m. Monday, March 19.

Race By The Sea April 1

The third annual Cohasset Jaycees Roadrace by the Sea will take place on Sunday, April 1, at 1 p.m. Record-holder for this 6.5 mile event is Robert Hodge, last year's winner.

Runners have dubbed the

course as the roller coaster because of the hill and dale terrain of the last three miles. Striders from all over New England are expected to compete this year on this route reputed to be one of the most scenic short distance courses in the East.

Selectmen Get More Data On 3A Professional Building

Selectmen received additional information last week concerning the professional building on Rte. 3A, the building considered by many as an alternative to the proposed Town Hall renovation plan for town office space.

According to Roy Whittaker vice president of the Scituate Federal Savings Bank which holds the mortgage on the professional building, Cohasset town offices require 5,000 square feet should they be relocated there. The remaining free space, 4,780 square feet, could be rented to offset operational expenses of the building which are presently \$27,500.

Three thousand square feet of the building are now rented at \$7.25 per square foot. Whittaker noted that the remaining space could be leased out for the same or a slightly higher price. Rental of this space could bring in as much as \$35,850, leaving over

\$8,000 surplus after operational expenses are met.

The Rte. 3A building is currently for sale at \$325,000. The Town has been seriously considering buying the building. An article has been submitted in the town warrant requesting an appropriation for its purchase.

At a recent open meeting to hear the proposed renovation plan of the Office Space Study Committee, consideration of the professional building dominated the discussion.

Whittaker further stated that utilities have to be maintained within the building regardless of occupancy and that this cost was \$11,000 last year. He added that the building's 2870 square feet of glass windows did not need thermopanaging.

Brett Donham of Donham & Tadhg Sweeney Architects, spokesman for the Study Committee's plan at the open meeting, had informed the

people that in his opinion the 3A building required insulated glass to retain the heat in the winter and to reduce summer solar heat gain.

A recent cost estimate from Settles Glass to remove and replace the existing window frames and sashes with new heavier frames and reglazing would cost \$97,000. Donham indicated that further investigation might be able to produce a lower cost, but not below \$50,000.

McKinnon Office Hours

Senator Allan R. McKinnon or a member of his staff will be available to speak to constituents at the various times and locations listed below for the month of March:

Cohasset, Wednesday, March 14, 8 p.m.

Commentary

A Tough Lot With A Tough Job

By Chester Magee

Cohasset Support Your Local . . .

We've all read the bumper stickers! If you have a friend on the Police Department you're lucky because police officers have few. What happens when one chooses the life of a policeman?

First one has enthusiasm to become a servant. Then one goes to the Police Chief and expresses that enthusiasm. If the Chief is honest, he will talk to the potential candidate and tell them the good and the bad about being a Policeman. I am going to elaborate on the bad, not as a officer but as a bystander.

Domestic disturbance calls, can mean facing a gun, knife, a flying bottle, piece of furniture etc., verbal threats come from as well as children standing by. Verbal threats to the officer on the scene are common as few want to admit their wrongs.

Letters to patrolmen all the way up to the Chief are received at the officers' homes from disgruntled offenders unsigned and they don't read "He, how are you?" They read more like this: "For a few bucks you can be eliminated, watch your step!" Then summer time comes and the young have to release that pent up feeling of winter and school being out. It's what we all called freedom. Years ago throughout the town many blamed the (summer residents) for this outburst of speeders, parties and those driving under the influence.

If you ask an old time police officer, he'll say they contributed to the unrest of others but much of it involved locals too. Today our officers face local pool parties, cookouts and the now admitted full moon syndrome. They face this season

after season. Consider most of the force are local men and have lived in town most of their lives.

It's a great town for celebration, but all too often the parties get out of control. A neighbor complains, and the police follow through. Arriving on the scene there's a fight, and all too often the officers leave the scene battered, bitter or bruised and there's verbal abuse that can't be printed.

One incident I observed last summer was a car bouncing off a parked one downtown. An officer arrived on the scene to find an old school buddy bombed behind the wheel. Being parked close by, I overheard

some of the officer's and offender's conversation. Was the police officer doing his job? I assumed so as the offender, a young woman wasn't happy and again the verbal abuse can't be printed.

Now someday, this young officer may be a police chief. I sit here thinking, what does this abuse do to one over a period of years: the stress of threatening letters, bad auto accidents, suicides, murders, domestic disturbances etc. and why do so few officers desire that top position of police chief?

I myself looked into the police department as a career in 1957. I decided against it. Have a nice vacation Chief Feola, you earned it!

Fire Department Breakdown For 1978

Here is a summary of the Cohasset Fire Department for 1978. Investigation of gas odors, smoke and other reported hazardous conditions.....

Grass, Brush and Woods Fires.....

False Alarms and Bomb Scare.....

Automobile and Motorcycle Accidents.....

Accidental Alarms.....

Assisting Persons.....

Dump Fires and Illegal Burning.....

Broken Water Pipes and Frozen Sprinklers.....

Control of Flammable Liquid Spills.....

Electrical Fires, Wires and Poles.....

Rescue Boat.....

Motor Vehicle Fires.....

Building Fires.....

Chimney Fires.....

Delayed Ignition of Oil Burners.....

Clothes Dryer Fires.....

Pumping Details.....

Mutual Aid for Fires; to:

Hingham.....

Hull.....

Scituate.....

Mutual Aid Received:

Hingham.....

Hull.....

Scituate.....